

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-11 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action mailed September 19, 2006, the Examiner allowed claim 11. The Office Action rejected claims 1-10. The Examiner objected to the specification.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments to the specification and the following remarks.

A. Specification

The Examiner objected to the abstract of the disclosure. The abstract has been amended to address the Examiner's objection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the abstract be withdrawn.

B. Drawings

The claims have been amended to address the Examiner's objections to the drawings.

C. Double Patenting Rejection of Claims 1-10 by U.S. Patent No. 7,092,426

The Office Action rejected claims 1-10 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-10 of U.S. Patent No. 7,092,426. Applicant has executed a terminal disclaimer in response to this rejection, which is enclosed herewith.

D. Allowable Subject Matter

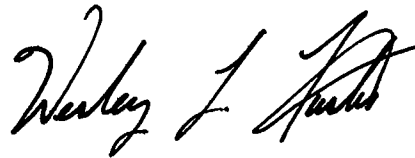
Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claim 11 is allowable.

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E. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully assert that all pending claims are patentably distinct from the cited references, and request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If there are any remaining issues preventing allowance of the pending claims that may be clarified by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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